

HB 5409 supporting testimony

I support banning the transportation and or treatment of fracking waste in CT.

We are on the cusp of initiating wind energy that is renewable, non polluting, and has the capacity to generate 4 times the energy needs of the United States according to Jim Gordon, CEO of Cape Wind. He was the keynote speaker and Yale's 2014 New Directions in Environmental Law Conference. After 13-14 years of lawsuits by one of the Koch brothers he is finally poised to begin construction of wind turbines off the coast of MA.

Please don't rush into supporting fracking. It pollutes our land, air and water and sickens all of those affected by fracker's environmental contamination. Furthermore, US Congress allows this industry to bypass the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts; we can't even protect ourselves from their pollution.

It reminds me of what happened in cities across the US when they were encouraged to rip up their trolley lines in order to support an oil industry that wanted all of us to be more dependent on them for transportation and power. It has been a huge cost to our society.

Please consider the long term implications of supporting fracking; there are other options on our doorstep. Do you think the oil and gas industry is unaware of wind's potential? I think they are very aware and that is why they are rapidly marching across the USA trying to commit us to years of fracking to further support their industry.

We need to invest in a clean, renewable energy sources for all and continue investment in conservation; the best bang for the buck.

Thank you for allowing testimony.

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